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| In re Patent Application of |) BOX AF |
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| Hyun Su KIM et al |) Art Unit: 1643 |
| Application No.: 09/486,392 |) Examiner: S. Foley |
| Filed: June 15, 2000 |) |
| For: ATTENUATED JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS ADAPTED TO VERO CELL AND A JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VACCINE |)))) |

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated March 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2-4 as follows:

(Twice Amended) An attenuated Japanese encephalitis virus adapted to Vero

cell by passages on Vero cell wherein said virus has a multiplicity of more than 1x10(7) PFU/ml in Vero cells and LD₅₀/pfu for young adult mouse is less than 0.000001.